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1. [_____] the traffic capacity (przepustowa) of the Oder River is estimated for 1953 at a maximum of 4.5 million tons.   25X1

2. The traffic capacity of the Oder – Warta – Notec – Kanal Bydgoski – Vistula navigable route is to be increased up to one million tons. This annual traffic capacity is not considerable, but it is feared that even this capacity will not be achieved because of the shortage of barges. For this reason, the shipyards at Kozle (Cosel) and Opole (Oppeln) for the construction of barges on the Oder are to increase considerably their production of barges of 500 – 600 tons.

3. An industrial water conduit is to be constructed in 1953 with water drawn from the Przemsza River, to supply metallurgical enterprises in the Bytom (Beuthen) area. A start was made during the war on the construction of a conduit, and this is now to be resumed. It is to be 271 km. in length and will consist of pipes 500 mm. in diameter. The conduit will begin at the Przemsza River near Myslowice, and run through Katowice to the Bytom area.

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